My Simple Humble Neighborhood

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Here's where it all began Here's where I heard that beat Here's where I tapped that tap With my natural rhythm feet In my simple humble neighborhood On my simple humble streetHere's where the dreams I had Were crowded on a stoop Were pecked and pushed and hustled Just like chickens in a coopLife wasn't always neat In my simple humble neighborhood On my simple humble streetHere's where I learned the rules Of Rosie's way of how to play A magic game that changed the same Old sheepy bleat In my simple humble neighborhood On my simple humble streetHere's where I made up folks Who came to visit me Not just ordinary folks Coming unexpectedly Talent scouts, producers, directors Glamor boysIn other words The hoy-poloys The grand eliteTo make them green with envy In my simple humble neighborhood On my simple humble streetHere's where it all began Here's where I heard that tune Here's where I sang of sailing In a carnival balloon, life was so darn sweet In my simple humble neighborhood

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